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M. Jane Kitchel, Secretary
Vermont Agency of Human Services
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, Vermont 05671

Dear Ms. Kitchel:

I am pleased to inform you that your December 4, 2001, request to amend Vermont's Home and Community-Based Services waiver for the aged and disabled, as authorized under Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act (the Act), is approved. This waiver amendment is assigned control number 0163.90.R2.01, which should be used in any future reference or correspondence. A copy of the approved waiver amendment is enclosed.

You submitted this amendment to expand eligibility for waiver services to individuals who are eligible for Medicaid under Section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XIII) of the Act. You also requested approval to expand locations in which personal care services can be provided to include the home of another individual that is not the natural home of the waiver participant. This amendment will allow the State to increase work incentives to disabled individuals and to provide more flexibility in serving individuals in the community.

I have approved the amendment with an effective date of March 1, 2001, as you requested. If you have any questions concerning this amendment, please call Nancy Grano at (617) 565-1695.

Sincerely yours,

Judith Berek
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Patrick Flood, Commissioner, VT DAD
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